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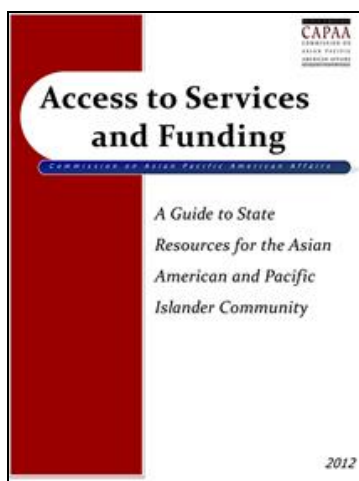
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The Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs (CAPAA) advises state agencies, the legislature, and the Governor and acts as a liaison between state government and the community. It represents the Asian American and Pacific Islander community and is charged with articulating the concerns of the community and advocating for policies that address these concerns.

Below are some resources that you may be interested in.

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## **Access to Services and Funding, A Guide to State Resources for the Asian American and Pacific Islander Community**



In March, the commission released a guide to assist the AAPI community in accessing state services and funding. Given the economic climate, it has become ever more essential for our community to be able to navigate the process to receive assistance. Community based organizations and community members interested in services and funding should be aware of this new resource. The guide is posted on our agency's website and hard copies will be provided at each of our statewide board meetings. To view the guide, click [here](#).

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If you are aware of a state government resource that has been translated that requires inclusion, please notify us.

Washington State Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders: Education, Economic Development, Health & Human Services					
Education					
Demographic	Statistic	2006	2008	2010	Change from 2006 year
Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders	On a 4-point high school graduation scale	54.5%	56.5%	64.4%	
Asian Americans	On a 4-point high school graduation scale	55.0%	56.0%	64.0%	
White Americans	On a 4-point high school graduation scale	55.0%	56.0%	63.0%	
Asian Americans	Percentage of those who graduate with Bachelor's degree	33.0%	35.0%	38.0%	
White Americans	Percentage of those who graduate with Bachelor's degree	31.0%	33.0%	36.0%	
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Economic Development					
Demographic	Statistic	2006	2008	2010	Change from 2006 year
Asian Americans	Unemployment Rate	4.0%	5.0%	4.5%	
White Americans	Unemployment Rate	4.0%	5.0%	5.0%	
Asian Americans	Unemployment Rate	4.0%	5.0%	5.0%	
Asian Americans	Unemployment Rate	4.0%	5.0%	5.0%	
Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders	Share of State Workforce	4%	7%	8.5%	
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Health & Human Services					
Demographic	Statistic	2006	2008	2010	Change from 2006 year
Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders	Use of Health Insurance	84.0%	86.0%	88.0%	
Asian Americans	Use of Health Insurance	84.0%	86.0%	88.0%	
White Americans	Use of Health Insurance	84.0%	86.0%	88.0%	
Asian Americans/Pacific Islanders	Use of Health Insurance	84.0%	86.0%	88.0%	
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Data can drive progress towards our goals. Data tells us where we are now and how far we need to go. Similar to a dashboard on a car, our Dashboard, shows a few important indicators on how our state is progressing on the outcomes necessary to improve the well-being of Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders.

The Dashboard presents indicators in our commission's three priority areas of: education, health care/human services, and economic development. We have done our best to create an accurate picture but acknowledge that the availability of data has some limitations. We have used the best data available. To view the Dashboard, click [here](#).

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## Asian American and Pacific Islander Faces in Washington State Government



In honor of Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May, the Commission on Asian Pacific American Affairs released a new publication, Asian American and Pacific Islander Faces in Washington State Government. This publication recognizes the contributions and work of many of our state employees. Asian American and Pacific Islanders make up 6% of our state workforce. Recent data indicates a 1% decline from previous years. A copy of this publication can be found [here](#).

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**CAPAA was established by the state legislature in 1974 to improve the well-being of Asian Pacific Americans (APAs) by insuring their access to participation in the fields of government, business, education, and other areas. It has a board made up of 12-governor appointed members that represent the diverse APA communities of Washington State.**

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